

Respected throughout the community for his commitment to public service, Mr. Sallet is leaving the School Committee after 14 years of dedicated service, including serving as Chairman for six years. Sallet was instrumental in leading the schools out of significant financial difficulties in 2006–2007 and was a prime mover in establishing the Ayer Tri-Board, a joint committee of Selectmen, School and Finance Committees, which works cooperatively to develop budgets and resolve financial issues for the town. Mr. Sallet's words are respected as the voice of reason at Ayer Town Meetings.

Mr. Sallet has also represented the community as a member of Devens Education Advisory Committee (DEAC) and on the finance subcommittee for the Devens Disposition Executive Board. Mr. Sallet has also been active in Ayer youth baseball, soccer and basketball programs.

Mr. Sallet and his wife Julie have lived in Ayer since 1994 with their three children, Connor, Patrick and Molly.

I thank Mr. Sallet for his commitment to our community and congratulate him on his many years of service to the Town of Ayer and its children.

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
CHRIS FAIRCHILD FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Chris Fairchild showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Chris Fairchild was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Chris Fairchild always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Chris Fairchild on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

**HONORING CHIEF JUSTICE ALMA
L. LÓPEZ**

HON. CHARLES A. GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. GONZALEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Chief Justice Alma L. López, a public servant who has dedicated her professional and personal life to empowering Hispanics in the spheres of law, education and politics. Justice López has been a passionate advocate, a dedicated jurist and kind friend to the San Antonio community.

Born in Laredo, Texas, she moved to San Antonio, Texas, where she was raised and educated. Justice López began her higher education at San Antonio College and then

went on to graduate from St. Mary's University with a B.B.A. and from St. Mary's Law School with a J.D. She practiced law for 25 years, twenty of those as a solo practitioner prior to being appointed to the court. She credits her choice of the law as a career to her maternal grandmother, who noticed that even at the age of five she had the skills of a mediator and negotiator.

Justice López made history when she became the first Hispanic woman to serve on the Fourth Court of Appeals. She has been a true leader becoming the first Hispanic woman to serve as Chief Justice in the State of Texas, as well as the first Hispanic woman to serve as a Chief Justice in the United States.

Justice López has been a strong advocate for the Hispanic community serving on a number of local, state, and national boards of directors. She is committed to being a role model not just for Hispanic women, but for the entire community.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Chief Justice Alma López as we celebrate and honor her career and outstanding contributions to the community. Her dedication to justice and the City of San Antonio are remarkable and I wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

**INTRODUCTION OF THE PRE-
SERVING THE AMERICAN HIS-
TORICAL RECORD (PAHR) ACT**

HON. JOHN M. McHUGH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. McHUGH. Madam Speaker, I rise today as a proud cosponsor of the Preserving the American Historical Record (PAHR) Act. I appreciate the work my friend, the gentleman from New York (Mr. HINCHEY), has done to develop this important legislation, which would greatly enhance efforts to preserve and disseminate our Nation's rich historical records.

Americans have long recognized the importance of preserving history through the support of such institutions as the Library of Congress, National Archives, and the Smithsonian Institution. However, efforts to preserve records held by State and local historical societies, archives, and libraries are currently hindered due to a lack of resources necessary to ensure adequate preservation.

The PAHR Act, which I also cosponsored during the 110th Congress (H.R. 6056), would authorize \$50 million annually for grants to States, local governments, and other entities to preserve these important records. In addition to preservation assistance, the PAHR Act will enhance safe access to those records for public use. Of note, the Act could result in the expanded use of a wide variety of access tools, including archival finding aids, documentary editions, indexes and images of key records online.

This measure will also support initiatives to use records in ways that highlight the importance of state, territorial, and community history. For instance, in New York's 23rd Congressional District, which I am proud to represent, there are some 300 non-profit organizations and more than 650 local governments that hold numerous records documenting both the people and history of central and northern

New York. A few examples of these records include:

The Adirondack Museum Library has the largest collection documenting that unique region, with records ranging from architectural drawings of "Great Camps," catalogs for J.H. Rushton canoes, early maps of the Adirondack Park, and recordings of Adirondack folk musicians.

The Essex County Historical Society holds records from Republic Steel that document not only the mining industry but the employment of hundreds of miners from Peru who lived and worked in Port Henry, New York in the 1920s.

The Lewis County Historical Society is home to the papers of Dr. Franklin Hough, the father of American forestry.

The Sackets Harbor Battlefield Historic Site Library houses manuscripts, documents, maps, archeological reports, and records related to the Sackets Harbor Battlefield, the War of 1812, and the Sackets Harbor Naval Station.

St. Lawrence University retains manuscripts which document the economic, social, political, religious, and cultural activities of Adirondack communities; environmental issues; the Lake Placid Winter Olympics; and the development of the St. Lawrence Seaway.

These are just a few citations outlining the wealth of historical records that could benefit through the enactment of the PAHR. Many other worthy examples exist throughout the nation. Accordingly, I look forward to working with the gentleman from New York to enact this legislation and thereby preserve additional aspects of America's rich history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. J. GRESHAM BARRETT

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, unfortunately I missed recorded votes on the House floor on Monday, April 27, 2009. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall vote No. 207 (Motion to suspend the rules and Agree to H. Res. 329), "nay" on rollcall vote No. 208 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H.R. 1746), and "aye" on rollcall vote No. 209 (Motion to Suspend the Rules and Agree to H. Res. 335).

**A PROCLAMATION HONORING
WESTEN HALE FOR WINNING
THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE
BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker:

Whereas, Westen Hale showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Westen Hale was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Westen Hale always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional

District, I congratulate Westen Hale on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF SOUTHAMPTON HOSPITAL

HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate an important milestone in the history of public health in the community of Southampton, New York. A century ago this year, a group of committed local doctors and philanthropic citizens founded Southampton Hospital, beginning a tradition of quality, compassionate care that continues today.

In 1908, two Southampton doctors received an emergency call from a woman living on the outskirts of the village. The doctors could not risk moving their patient to the nearest hospital, so they conducted a life-saving operation by kerosene lamp in the woman's attic. This incident crystallized the need for a local health care facility where modern emergency procedures could be performed in safety.

In 1909, Southampton Hospital received a charter from the State of New York and a modest home was acquired to house a dispensary and nurse. Since that time, the hospital facility at Meeting House Lane and Lewis Street has been expanded and augmented with the latest in medical technologies. Its mission to provide the highest standard of health care continues to be sustained by the generous and grateful community.

Today, Southampton Hospital offers a full range of inpatient and outpatient services and is staffed by more than 240 physicians, dentists, and other health professionals. Board-certified emergency physicians staff the hospital every hour of every day. In addition, satellite facilities have been established throughout the South Fork of Long Island to provide services in primary care, radiology, physical therapy and rehabilitation to the broader area.

Madam Speaker, as a native of Southampton, the Hospital is an institution especially close to my heart. Two years ago, the hospital administrators gave me a beautiful drawing depicting the hospital and grounds that I proudly display in my personal office in Washington. I was born at Southampton Hospital, as were my two daughters, and it has served my family well in times of distress and joy. As the hospital enters its second century, I offer its staff and administration my deep thanks and best wishes for the future.

HONORING THE STUDENTS OF THE INSULATE! PROGRAM FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS TO WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

HON. HEATH SHULER

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SHULER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the invaluable contributions of a group of altruistic college students from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC. INSULATE! is an ongoing project at Warren Wilson College through which students assist low income home-owners in reducing their utility bills and their carbon footprints by means of weatherization.

As part of the INSULATE! program, students weatherized 5 homes in five days during their Spring Break this year. The students were able to help one 84-year-old retiree who was spending over a third of her income on utilities alone. After the students' intervention, her utility costs have decreased over 20 percent.

Their efforts will be filmed later this year in an attempt to educate and empower those with similar ambitions on how to help reduce their carbon footprint.

The benefits of increased energy efficiency at a national level are immense. As the United States moves towards energy independence and a large-scale reduction of greenhouse gases, efficiency must play a major role. The ultimate goal of the INSULATE! program is ambitious, they seek to improve the lives of those less fortunate on an individualized basis. The potential on a national level is staggering—in Western North Carolina alone there are 44,000 eligible households. For each of these households helped by INSULATE! roughly two tons of carbon dioxide are prevented from escaping into the atmosphere each year.

On behalf of myself, and my constituents, I would like to thank the INSULATE! program for their contribution to meeting America's energy goals and for their assistance to those less fortunate in our community.

A PROCLAMATION HONORING WADE HOWARD FOR WINNING THE BOYS' DIVISION IV STATE BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. ZACHARY T. SPACE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. SPACE. Madam Speaker: Whereas, Wade Howard showed hard work and dedication to the sport of basketball; and Whereas, Wade Howard was a supportive team player; and

Whereas, Wade Howard always displayed sportsmanship on and off of the court: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that along with his friends, family, and the residents of the 18th Congressional District, I congratulate Wade Howard on winning the Boys' Division IV State Basketball Championship. We recognize the tremendous hard work and sportsmanship he has demonstrated during the 2008–2009 basketball season.

HONORING THE MABRY MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND PROGRAM

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Mabry Middle School Band, which is currently on a special trip to Washington, DC. Mabry Middle School is located in my hometown of Marietta in Georgia's 11th Congressional District. The Mabry Band Program, directed by Jill Barnock and Kimberly Bruce, has 377 students enrolled in grades 6–8.

Madam Speaker, members of the band program consistently earn recognition in both the Georgia All-State Band and the Georgia District 12 Honor Band. All of the school's bands earned straight superior ratings in the Georgia Large Group Performance Evaluation. The Mabry Band program has also received invitations to perform at prestigious conferences and competitions throughout the country, including the International Band & Orchestra Conference in Chicago in 2008, the Georgia Music Educators Conference in Savannah, Georgia in 2007, the Southeastern Middle School Band Clinic at Troy State University in 2003, and the University of Georgia Mid-Fest in 2002.

Mabry Middle School has been an exemplary part of the Marietta City School System since it opened in November of 1978. The school is ranked in the top ten schools in the state of Georgia and is a Georgia School of Excellence. In 2005 Mabry Middle School was awarded the Scholastic and Intel's Schools of Distinction Award for Technology Innovation and Georgia's Silver Award for Academic Achievement. Mabry is also a 2008 No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing the accomplishments of the students and band of Mabry Middle School.

TRIBUTE TO DAVID DWYER OF CONNECTICUT

HON. JOHN B. LARSON

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 29, 2009

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge my colleagues to join me recognizing Mr. David Dwyer of Bristol, Connecticut. Mr. Dwyer is a lifelong Connecticut resident and has been employed by UPS for over 37 years, where he remains a member in good standing of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 671.

He has also been a member of the Forestville Fishing Club, the oldest fishing club in America, since 1978. From 1984 through 1987, Mr. Dwyer served on the club's Board of Managers, and served as Second Vice President from 1987 through 1994. In 1994, Mr. Dwyer was elected President of the Forestville Fishing Club. During his tenure, among other notable accomplishments, he presided over the expansion of club boundaries and successfully completed the Grannis Pond Revitalization Project in 2009.

I wish to congratulate Mr. David Dwyer on his 14 years of dedicated and devoted service